



the RF Carrier

June 2026

A Note from the Prez

In a message shared on YouTube, Senator Ted Cruz reached out and said thank you to Ham Radio Operators in times of emergency. He cited hurricanes and flooding among other things. Each and every one of us needs to be ready to rise to the occasion if we are called to assist with Emergency Communications.

Will you be asked by the First Responders? Possibly! Will you be passing on messages between First Responders? Maybe but not as likely as the fact that you will be asked to assist in communications between First Responders and agencies like the Red Cross or maybe simply handling messaging to and from family members locally and abroad. Please take the time to watch the video. It can be found at the following the link:

<https://youtu.be/4ZNeMXYCQ7Y?si=kVCIYOxkQRczc-cT>

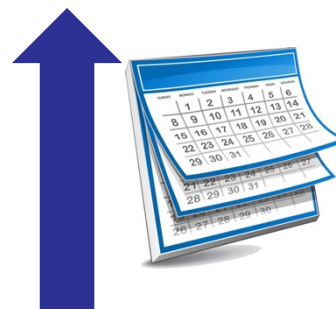
I want to say thank you to all of you as I am certain that you would all rise to the occasion when asked.

Randy KD0NSP
President, WCARC

***WCARC More than a Club....
.... A Community of Friends!***

Calendar of Events

- 13 June – WCARC Monthly Meeting
- 27 June - WCARC Summer Field Day & MC ARES Meeting (Eagle Rim Park)
- 11 July – WCARC Monthly Meeting
- 18-19 July – Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Trials Support (Grand Mesa)
- 25 July – MC ARES Meeting
- 8 August – WCARC Hamfest & Swapmeet
- 22 August – MC ARES Meeting
- 12 September – WCARC Annual Picnic
- 26 September – MC ARES Meeting
- 10 October – WCARC Monthly Meeting
- 24 October – MC ARES Meeting
- 7 November – WCARC Monthly Meeting
Please note the change of date for the November WCARC Meeting
- 28 November – MC ARES Meeting
- 12 December – WCARC Monthly Meeting & Board of Directors Election
- 26 December – MC ARES Meeting



**Mark Your
Calendars!
Check out the
Upcoming
Events!**

For questions regarding the Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Please email: info@W0RRZ.org

Important Announcements

Dates to Remember!

WCARC Monthly Meeting

Saturday on **13 June at 09:30**

Come early for coffee, donuts and social time.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

A link to attend the meeting via MS-Teams will be sent out on Friday, 12 June. If you would like to attend virtually and didn't get the link, contact Cathy KF00KV at secretary@w0rrz.org

The minutes from each meeting are posted in the Club Members Area of the website, please look them over prior to the meeting so we can approve them.

Forrest AD0XC is bringing the donuts for our June Meeting. Be sure to thank him!

License Testing

If you plan to take a test to get or upgrade your amateur license with the WCARC VE Team, **PLEASE register in advance** for one of our available exam sessions at:

<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/WCARC>

Full details about testing are available on the Club Website at:

<https://www.w0rrz.org/license-exams-in-grand-jefferson-co>

Please look over the pre-exam requirements on our site before registering for a test.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew AE0WZ at ae0wz@outlook.com

Read Me!

The Social Side of Things

Ham Lunches are every Wednesday at 1100. The location changes each week and is announced on the Oatmeal Net Wednesday morning then posted on our Facebook page and on the

WCARC Events Calendar at:

<https://www.w0rrz.org/wcarc-events-calendar>

Ham Breakfasts are held the third Friday of each month at 0900 at Stella's 811 S. 7th Street, GJ All are welcome to join us for our club lunches or breakfast!

The Oatmeal Net is conducted

Monday – Friday except some Holidays
07:30-08:00 on the Club Repeaters.

This net is conducted to check equipment, pass along club messages and continue our ham education.

Visitors are encouraged to check in!

Radioactive Net - Every Tuesday at 19:30 on the club repeaters & the WestCo Repeater Systems. This is the place to ask questions and discuss your current radio projects.

Both Nets are open to ALL licensed amateurs.

Technician License Question Pool Update Effective 1 July 2026

The question pool for the Technician Test is being updated by NCVEC. If you test **before** 1 July, you will be utilizing the current question pool from the **2022-2026 books**. Tests **after** 1 July 2026, will reflect the new question pool. Please plan accordingly, when scheduling your test.

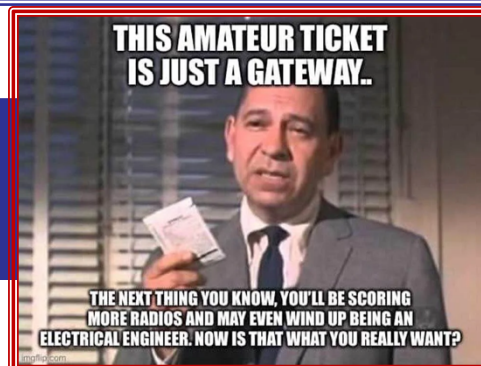
ARRL 6th Edition Study Guide is available for pre-order on Amazon and will be released on 30 June.

Other options for updated Study Guides for the Technician Test available are:

HamBook.org (HamStudy) - <https://hambook.org/?ref=hs>
HamRadioSchool.com - <https://hamradioschool.square.site/>

HamStudy.org is a great resource for studying regardless of which test you are planning to take.

Register for a free account on their site and use "StudyMode". This enables you to see every question in the question pool and better prepare for the test.



More Information



Are in order for the following:

- **Chip N0WKR:** Upgraded his license to Amateur Extra in May and is working to get set up with his Volunteer Examiner Credentials to become part of the WCARC VE Team!
- **Sam KF0YQU:** Sam happens to be my son-in-law. He came over from Lochbuie on the Front Range and passed his Technician Test while visiting us.

WestCo Repeaters Website & ASTRA

If you haven't checked it out yet, you should definitely peruse the new website at: <https://westcorepeaters.org/>. It's got all the info on the WestCo Repeater System.

In addition, there is a new AI assistant, **ASTRA**, available when using the WestCo Repeater System. To access ASTRA you must say use the following format:
"Astra (state a command) Your_Callsign".

For Example: "Astra, What Can You Do? KF0OKV"
Keri N2KNK is an integral part of WCARC supporting us with the WestCo Repeaters and helping keep the W0RRZ Repeaters up to snuff. Be sure to let her know how much we appreciate her next time you see her.

Colorado Severe Weather Network (CSWN) Announcement from Gary NC2WX

Effective immediately, the Colorado Severe Weather Network (CSWN) will no longer sponsor, nor will it air the Weather Outlook Net at 1300 on the SkyHubLink.com System.

The Colorado Severe Weather Network will disassociate itself from management of, coordination and oversight of any future weather net. Anyone is free to create a new net, subject to approval by Jack KE0VH, SkyHubLink President & Administrator.

Many thanks all of you for your support in making that net successful throughout the years. A thank you also goes to those who have stepped up as NCS to cover the net in my absence.

The CSWN will focus its effort on the CO Severe Wx Ops Room, Reflector XLX303a, where severe weather outbreaks will be handled across our region, and all-important spotter ground truth provided to the NWS. Many thanks to Jack, Skyler, and the SkyHubLink System for providing the 1 to 2 o'clock hour throughout the years and for use of the many repeaters!

Colorado 14er & Mountaintop Event

First Full Weekend in August

Sat 1 Aug–Sun 2 Aug

Bonus Days (Thur 30 July–Fri 31 July)

Amateur radio operators from around Colorado will be activating **Summits On The Air (SOTA)** peaks and communicating with other radio amateurs across the state and around the world. Join in on the fun during the annual event by activating a summit or contacting (chasing) the mountaintop stations. Be aware that many mountaintop activators will hit the trail early with the goal of being off the summits by (1800 UTC) noon due to lightning safety concerns.

This event includes all **Summits On the Air (SOTA)** peaks, which provide over 1700 summits to activate. (See the [W0C SOTA web page](#) or browse the [SOTA Atlas](#).) The Colorado 14er Event began in 1991, about 19 years before the SOTA program was set up in Colorado. As SOTA grew in popularity, this event expanded from just the 14,000-foot mountains (14ers) to include all SOTA summits in the state. We call it the Colorado 14er & Mountaintop Event because, well, that's where it started, and the 14ers are the iconic summits in the state.

Keep up to date with event info by subscribing to: <https://ham14er.groups.io/g/ham14er/> and visiting: ham14er.org

Important: The recommended 2m FM frequencies are **146.58**, 146.55, and 146.49 MHz, to align with the use of the **North America Adventure Frequency for SOTA (146.58)**. The National Simplex Calling Frequency (146.52) may be used as appropriate. There will be plenty of action on the other ham bands, for more information see the [operating frequencies page](#).

First-time activators should read our [Beginner Guide](#). Radio operators who plan to activate a summit should post their intent as an ALERT on the [SOTAwatch](#) website.

Warning: Climbing mountains is inherently a dangerous activity. Do not attempt this without proper training, equipment and preparation.

Upcoming Colorado HAMFESTS

**Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association
(PPRAA)**

Ham Radio Megafest

Saturday, 25 July 2026

0800-1300 MST

**Lewis-Palmer High School
Monument, CO**

<https://ppraa.org/megafest>





Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

2026 ARRL Field Day

SATURDAY. 27 JUNE 2026

TWO LOCATIONS!!

IN TOWN & CAMPING ON THE UNCOMPAHGRE

SEE MAPS ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR LOCATION INFORMATION

Full Details at:

<https://www.w0rrz.org/2026-arrl-field-day-saturday-june-27th>



OPERATE ♦ LEARN ♦ CONNECT

**Join us for the annual ARRL Field Day!
Experience emergency communications,
make contacts, and connect with the
amateur radio community.**

**All are welcome! No Experience Necessary!
If you ever wondered about Ham Radio,
come check it out. See how we connect
around the world.**

What is Field Day?

Field Day is an annual event where amateur radio operators put emergency communication skills to the test, live, off-grid, and under real-world conditions. Meet local operators, try getting on the air, and see how communities stay connected when it matters most.

Come see emergency preparedness in action and be part of the signal when it counts.

Our operators will:

- ✦ Set up field stations & antennas
- ✦ Make USA & world-wide contacts
- ✦ Make contacts by voice, digital & morse code
- ✦ Practice emergency skills

Stop by and see what Amateur Radio is all about!

MORE THAN A CLUB...A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS!



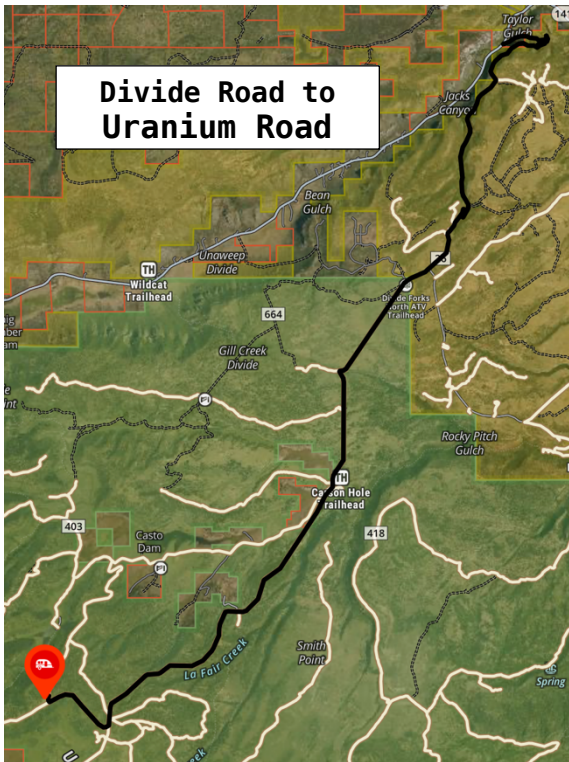
IN TOWN LOCATION
0800 - 1500
EAGLE RIM PARK
EAST END OF PARK

2736 CHEYENNE DR. GRAND
 JUNCTION, CO

IF YOU ARE BRINGING YOUR OWN GEAR,
 PLEASE INSTALL N1MM LOGGER ON YOUR
 COMPUTER

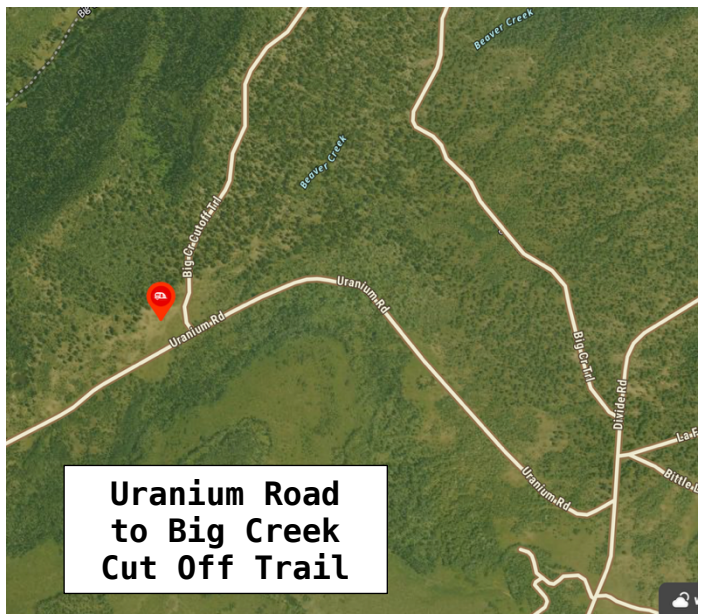
CONTACT RANDY STRINGER
PRESIDENT@W0RRZ.ORG FOR DETAILS
 ABOUT THE IN TOWN LOCATION

Camp Site on the Uncompahgre



Forrest AD0XC and Brad AK0BC will be setting up early in the week to acquire the site; come on up! The site is dependent on availability – if this site is full we'll move just down the road. Watch for signs to the site as you get close.

CONTACT FORREST HOSKINS AD0XC@PROTONMAIL.COM
 FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE CAMPSITE LOCATION



**Uranium Road
 to Big Creek
 Cut Off Trail**

Directions: Head toward Whitewater on US-50
 Turn south (right) onto CO-141 toward Gateway,
 turn left onto Divide Road. Continue 15.5 miles.
 Turn right onto Uranium Road. Continue 1 mile to
 Big Creek Cut Off Trail. Watch for signs to the site.
 Coordinates: 38°41.559N, -108°42.293W

Coming Soon!!!!

WCARC Hamfest & Swapmeet 2026

SATURDAY, 8 AUG 2026

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

First Christian Church

1326 N. 1st Street ♦ Grand Junction, CO

**Sales Tables are \$10.00/full table, \$5.00/half table,
\$10.00/Tailgate spot. Admission of \$5.00/person
includes 5 door prize tickets**

**Hamfest is our BIG annual fundraiser for the Club
YOU can help support WCARC!**

**Reserve a table, donate equipment, buy a t-shirt, volunteer to
help with the event, or just come on out and add to your
equipment collection.**

**There will be food, door prizes, QSL Card checking, informational
displays, license testing, and lots of stuff to buy.**



**We will also have
special “Hamfest
t-shirts” for sale at
Hamfest and available
for pre-order at the
June WCARC Meeting.**



**THIS EVENT IS SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE
WESTERN COLORADO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB , INC. (WCARC) IS AN ARRL AFFILIATED
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SERVING GRAND JUNCTION, MESA COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.**

Club Branded Apparel

I will be doing another order of Club Branded Apparel in June. Please get your orders to me as soon as possible. There are some new items and some changes. The pocket tee brand and price has changed. We now have both a men's and a women's polo option.

See the attached flyer with all the product details.

Email your order to kf0okv@outlook.com with the following information.

For each item you wish to order, please include:

1. Which shirt or hat (Be specific there are 3 different short sleeve shirts and 2 different hats)
2. **WITH** or **WITHOUT** Graphic on Back (for items where available)
3. Color (Please be aware that some of the short sleeve shirt colors may not come in all sizes)
4. Size
5. Personalization - Callsign and Name that you want on your item.

Please make payment to Cathy Maddox via cash or check or Venmo.

There is a very small upcharge on each item that is returned to the Club as a donation.



Items Available	Price
Printed Items	
Tee - Short Sleeve WITH back printing	\$22.00
Tee - Short Sleeve WITHOUT back printing	\$15.00
T-Shirt - Short Sleeve Tall	\$24.00
Tee - Short Sleeve Pocket	\$33.00
Tee - Long Sleeve WITH Back Printing	\$29.00
Tee - Long Sleeve WITHOUT Back Printing	\$23.00
Embroidered Items	
LEGACY® Relaxed Twill Dad's Cap	\$28.00
Yupoong Classics™ Six-Panel Retro Trucker Cap	\$26.00
Men's Snag-Proof Tactical Polo	\$52.00
Women's Snag-Proof Tactical Polo	\$52.00

See Attached Flyer for customization options, sizes and colors available.

WCARC Member Spotlight

Not Quite the Cover of the Rolling Stone

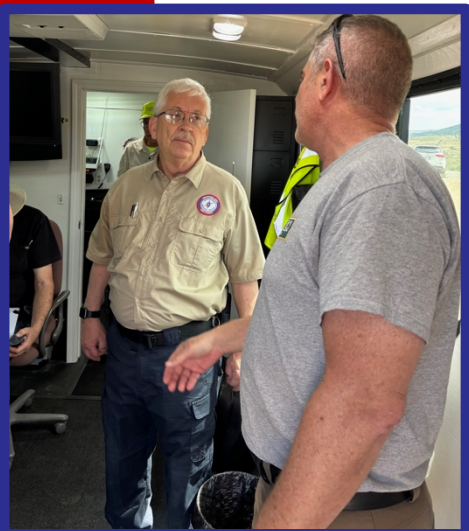
Chip Ferron NØWKR

I retired in 2022 after a 40+ year career as a field engineer and regional service and support manager, starting as an installer/trainer on newspaper presses when the offset printing industry was in its infancy. After 15 years in the printing equipment industry, I transitioned into digital presses and document systems from Canon and Ricoh as a support manager for the Four Corners area of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, supervising field techs, installers and setup crews. I specialized in document management, designing and installing high-speed scanning and printing systems, mostly for healthcare and municipal applications. My wife, Melanie, is a retired minister, and we have four kids and five grandkids. When I'm not playing radio, I usually have my nose buried in a book (normally science fiction, technology or science).



I was first licensed in 1993 as a "Tech Plus". Back then, you could take the basic Technician license, and if you passed the 5 word-per-minute Morse code test, you were licensed as a Tech Plus. That was eliminated once the Morse code requirement was dropped for all license classes. I spent most of my ham career as a General-class operator and upgraded to Amateur Extra to help with the Volunteer Examiner program.

I first got interested in ham radio at a club station at Bear Creek High School in Lakewood but let it drop until Harry Teegarden KØXK (SK) convinced me to pick it back up. Harry was a retired FAA electronic tech, and his retirement job was as the maintenance man for our church. Since I was in the electronics industry, we often discussed ham radio, and he convinced me that I should study for the test. He offered me a Kenwood 2-meter crystal-controlled rig if I would take and pass the 5 WPM Morse code test, so I studied and actually passed the 13-wpm test just to show him I could do it!



After I passed my Morse code test at 13 WPM, I was pretty proud of my code skills, so I would go over to Harry KØXK's house to practice with him. He had trouble copying me at 10 WPM because I was so slow compared to his abilities. I would listen when he got on HF with his old buddies – they would start at 25 WPM and work up to about 40 WPM, which sounded like static to me. And Harry was using a Bencher paddle until his arthritis got bad enough that he had to use a computer keyboard. I still have the paddle and practice with it when I can. Harry was an old-school Elmer – he insisted that I learn the electronics and rules and not just memorize the information from a question pool.

The biggest change I've seen in amateur radio has been the incorporation of computer capabilities into ham radio equipment. My first dual-band VHF/UHF radio was a Kenwood TH-D78, and it was all front-panel programming and very basic electronics. We didn't even dream of DMR, Meshtastic or AREDN! HF equipment was very basic – it was the beginning of solid-state HF radios, and there were no waterfalls or digital signal processing. The internet has had a huge effect on ham radio. Not only can we use it to communicate in new ways, but we can also study for (and even take) exams online, learn new things on YouTube and find schematics for antique radios. Smart phones and the internet have changed ham radio, but I don't think they will ever replace it. I think that software-defined radios and artificial intelligence will change ham radio in new and different ways, and we should embrace the changes or get left behind. But ham radio will always be a person-to-person hobby...the first social network!

I actually joined WCARC in 1993 but wasn't active for years since I was on the road most of the time. Obviously, I'm mostly involved in the various emergency communication groups, but I enjoy almost all aspects of ham radio. In addition to my current position as the Region 9 Emergency Coordinator for the Amateur Radio Emergency Services, I'm also the Co-Coordinator for the Auxiliary Communication unit (AuxComm) of the Colorado Department of Homeland Security. I've been a member of Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, for more than 30 years as a communication specialist, and serve as the Group 2 communication officer covering the five CAP squadrons on the Western Slope. I have two Air Force-provided HF stations in my home shack, including a Codan encrypted HF/ALE station that I monitor every morning for a national net. Even though I work in many different areas of emergency communication, they all use the same training & skills.



The club is doing great things, and it shows in our growth. As a retirement-age ham, I want to see the club work to bring more young people and women into the hobby to “train our replacements” and diversify our membership. We also need to continue to embrace the new technologies without forgetting how we got here. Ham radio will always be, first and foremost, a social endeavor and we work best when we do things as a ham family. Even with smartphones and Facetime, we tend to be isolated as a society, & clubs are a great place to get together for eyeball QSO's (and donuts!).



WCARC Member Spotlight

Chip Ferron NØWKR



ARRL Information



What Is ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national nonprofit association for amateur (ham) radio operators in the United States. Founded in 1914, ARRL works to promote and protect amateur radio through advocacy with regulators, education and licensing support, technical resources, and public service programs.

It benefits amateur radio operators by representing their interests, providing trusted training and publications, supporting emergency and public-service communications, and helping grow and sustain the amateur radio community.

<https://www.arrl.org>

WCARC has been an ARRL
Affiliated Club for 87 years!
Since 21 October 1939

ARRL Membership

There are a lot of benefits to being an ARRL member. Go to <https://www.arrl.org/membership> for more information about the benefits of ARRL Membership.

ARRL has a Club Commission Program. By joining or renewing your ARRL Membership through WCARC under the ARRL Club Commission Program, the WCARC receives a small commission (\$20.00 for new members, \$5.00 for renewals) from ARRL. If you renew through WCARC, you do not receive any promotional items offered by ARRL

Go here:

<https://www.w0rrz.org/club-membership-information>
or talk to Cathy KF00KV for information on how to join or renew your ARRL membership.

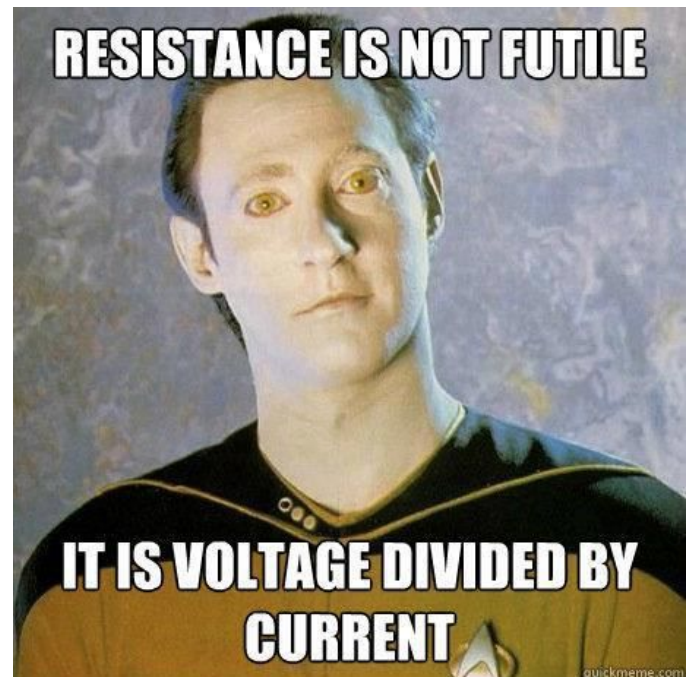
Wyoming HamCon

Rocky Mountain Division – Casper, WY
28-30 August 2026
<https://wyohamcon.org/>

Best Western Hotel & Convention Center
123 West E Street in Casper, Wyoming
Early Bird Registration extended to 30
June

There will be lots of Amateur Radio related activities throughout the three days with forums, and guest speakers.

Our Keynote Speaker for the Saturday Evening Banquet will be Rick Roderick, K5UR the President of the ARRL. Banquet tickets can be purchased in the registration system.



Mesa County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (MC ARES)

Region 9 District 4



MCARES meets at the First Christian Church 1326 N. 1st St,
Grand Junction at 09:30 on the 4th Friday of each month.

<https://ares-mesacounty.org/>

Joining MCARES is simple. There are no dues. You can chose how involved you'd like to be. We rely on volunteers for all our activities which help fund our organization.

For More Information Contact:

MCARES Coordinator: Chip N0WKR chip.ferron@gmail.com

June MC ARES Meeting

The 2026 ARRL Field Day will take the place of our regular MC ARES Meeting
Saturday, 27 June 2026 – 0800 – 1500
We will be setting up at Eagle Rim Park to participate in the 2026 ARRL Field Day
Stop by and see what operating in the Field looks like or come set up and join us for this fun event.



Mesa County ARES/EMCOMM UHF/VHF Net

Every Thursday at 1900 MST on the WestCo Repeater System

Once a quarter on the second Thursday, the net starts on the WestCo System and moves to the Rocky Mountain Ham Rocky Mountain Central talk group for those members with a DMR radio.

Statewide Colorado ARES UHF/VHF Net

Every Sunday at 2000 MST. Multiple Repeater groups and modes are available.



Upcoming MC ARES Community Support

Western Colorado Retriever Hunting Club
Dog Trials

18-19 July 2026 on the Grand Mesa

Need a good excuse to spend the weekend on the Grand Mesa in July?

Join MC ARES in supporting this interesting event. We set up stations at all their locations to help with them with administrative support and emergency communications, since there is very little cell coverage. It's a very low operational tempo event and we get the opportunity to see these amazing dogs and their handlers in action.

Contact Chip N0WKR chip.ferron@gmail.com for more information

Colorado ARES presents

Amateur TV Training

Saturday, 18 July 0900

ATV or Amateur Television is a capability we can use to improve situational awareness for first responders and emergency managers. You will learn about the RF, Video Codec and camera equipment used.

This training will be presented by the ATV Team of Boulder and Broomfield County ARES.

Mesa County ARES supports Gemini Adventures Gravel Bike Races

MCARES supported the Gemini Adventures Fruita AdventureFest and Wild Horse Gravel races on the weekends of May 9th and May 16th. Once again special thanks go to Communication Coordinator Andrew AE0WZ for his hard work planning our efforts to Keri N2KNK for setting up the portable repeater system to provide coverage in Coal Canyon and to all the volunteers who showed up to man our communications stations during the races.

For more information on joining or participating in MCARES, contact Chip N0WKR at chip.ferron@gmail.com or 970-261-2508, or see any ARES member for details.



N2KNK Portable Repeater



Sarlaac Aid Station



Western Aid Station

**Fruita
Adventurefest
9-10 May 2026**



Jake K0UNC & John AJ6LI
Rescuing the lost Aid Personnel

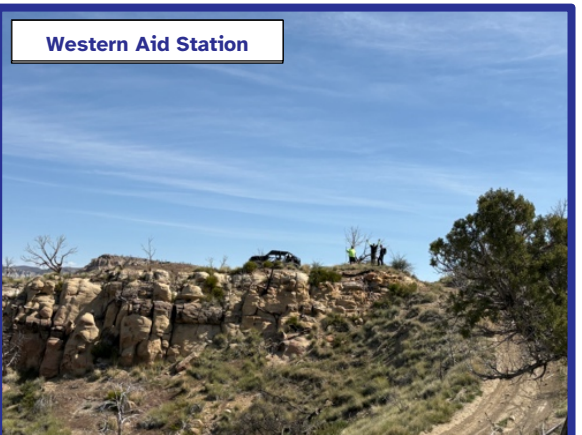


Jake K0UNC at the Ranch Aid Station

**Wild Horse Desert
Gravel Race
17 May 2026**



Western Aid Station



Western Aid Station



Mark KF0NYB at the
North Aid Station

Thank you to all the people who provided photos from the races!

Club Member Businesses



John Fuller WJØNF

Etsy Site featuring customized club name tags & other customized amateur radio items

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/JohnnyFLLC>

 **digirig** a tidy digital modes interface



- Audio and rig control
- Single USB connection
- Small & rugged



digirig.net

Denis Grisak KØTX

<https://digirig.net>

Denis is also a great resource for mentoring anyone interested in digital modes and/or portable operations

Club Member Business Promotions

WCARC would like to support our members who own businesses by promoting them in the newsletter and on the club website. If you are a 2026 WCARC Member and own a business, send a business card sized ad to secretary@w0rrz.org and we will include it in the next RF Carrier Newsletter and post it on www.W0RRZ.org.

We are more than a **CLUB**. We are a **COMMUNITY**. We want to support **EVERY** member.

Club Sponsors

The following organizations have provided services or monetary donations in support of the mission of WCARC



N2KNK
KERI VARELA

**WESTCO SYSTEMS
REPEATER NETWORK**

<https://w0rrz.org/n2knk-westco-repeater-system>

 **THE UPS STORE**



Store #1349
2695 Patterson Rd Ste 2
Grand Junction, CO 81506
Village Fair Plaza
12th & Patterson

970-241-6103

Mon - Fri 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sun 10:00AM - 3:00 PM



Community Rewards Program

Link your digital loyalty card to Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club (NPO 55693) and City Market donates a percentage to WCARC every time you purchase using your loyalty account. Works at all Kroger owned stores in Colorado.



ARRL
The national association for
AMATEUR RADIO™

WCARC THANKS THESE GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF OUR CLUB

Contesting Information

LIFE IS SIMPLE



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HAM RADIO

A Few Upcoming Contests

13-15 June – June VHF

<https://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

20 June – ARRL Kids Day

<https://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

27-28 June – ARRL Field Day

<https://www.arrl.org/field-day>

11-12 July – IARU HF World Championship

<https://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship>

Contest Calendar Links

<https://contests.arrl.org>

<https://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

<https://groups.arrl.org/g/ARRL-Contesting>

<https://hamradiolive.org/contest-calendar>

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.php>

<https://www.contesting.com>

<https://ncjweb.com>

<https://www.onallbands.com/amateur-radio-contesting-101/>



Mission Statement

GMCC's mission is to promote and encourage contesting enjoyment for its members while striving to be the best statewide contesting club in Colorado, involving all levels of contest operations, encouraging contest use and activity of all models, all bands and frequencies and increasing contesting operations and activities in the state.

Benefits of Membership

- * Colorado's statewide contest club
- * No dues or membership fees
- * Web reflector for contesters

Awards Presented For

- “Top Gun” Award
issued at 1 Million contest points
- “Contest Club of Champions”
in SSB - CW - RTTY - Digital

<https://grandmesa.org>

Special Event Stations

Lewis & Clark Trail on the Air

<https://www.lctota.org/>

6 June – 21 June 2026

The Lewis & Clark Trail on the Air Special Event is an on-air activity that commemorates the historic Lewis and Clark Trail. The trail covers 4900 miles through 16 states. This includes the disembarkation from Camp Dubois and what is referred to as the Eastern Legacy. The event is sponsored by Clark County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. www.w7aia.org with support and participation from clubs in all 16 states along the historic trail. For more information: info@lctota.org

2026 World Soccer Tournament Special Event Station

<https://www.wc2026ses.org/>

11 June – 19 July 2026

Amateur radio operators across USA, Canada and Mexico host cities are activating special call signs (W6C, W5C/H, W5C/D, W2C, VB7F, 4A1CMX, 4A1GDL, 4A1MTY, VC3F, ...) to celebrate this summer's 2026 World Soccer Tournament. Operate VHF, UHF, and HF, analogue and digital with us and let's make this a fun event! With 16 cities participating you have 16 wonderful QSL cards to collect! At the end of the event apply for your certificate. See you on the air!

13 Colonies Special Event

<https://13colonies.us>

1 July – 7 July 2026

Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States on the air by participating in the 18th Annual 13 Colonies Special Event. The 13 Colonies Special Event is a **not-for-profit amateur radio event** that commemorates the original 13 American colonies. It features **one station for each colony (K2A-K2M)** and **three bonus stations:** WM3PEN (Philadelphia), GB13COL (England), and TM13COL (France), representing their historical roles in America's colonial period. The event allows ham radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) to participate by making contacts with these stations. Operators can choose to make a single contact with one station or attempt a **Clean Sweep**, contacting all 13 colony stations and the 3 bonus stations. Each station provides a **special QSL card** and a **unique certificate** each year. Participants can track stations using DX spotting networks such as **DX Summit**.

See the Article in the June 2026 SWR Magazine:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/kqkyd/SWR-June-English-Edition/#p=64>

For more information about

Special Event Stations go to: <https://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

General Club Information

Club Meetings

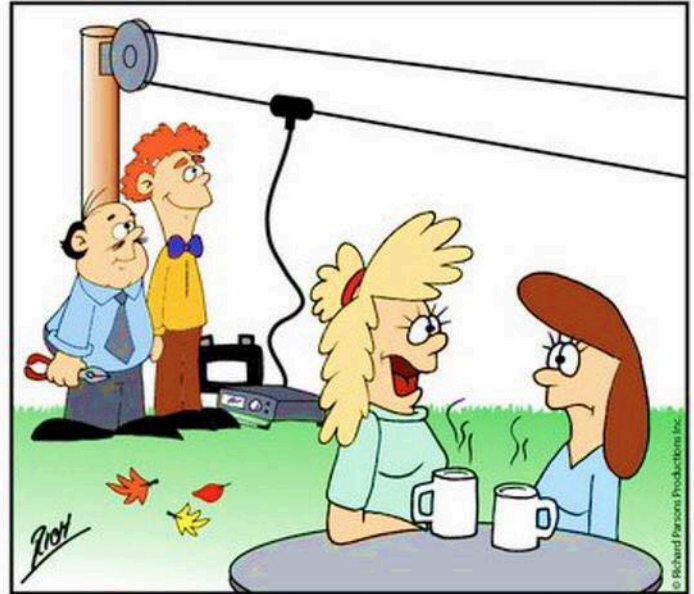
The Club *usually* meets on the second Saturday of every month, at 0930 at the First Christian Church, 1326 N. 1st St, Grand Junction *unless there is a conflict*. **This year we will have our April, May and November meetings on the 1st Saturday due to conflicts. Please update your calendars.**

The meeting location is fully handicap accessible and everyone is welcome to attend! We discuss club business, upcoming events and have an interesting and informative presentation at each meeting. Come a little early for social time - coffee and donuts are provided. Meeting dates and time will be posted on our Events Calendar on the Club Website at <https://www.w0rrz.org/wcArc-events-calendar>

We provide via Microsoft Teams. Members should receive an email on the Friday before the meeting with a link. Non-members may email secretary@w0rrz.org for the link.

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Stan & Cliff have been working all day on installing my clothesline, Mary.

Club Website Information

Our Club Website is located at <https://www.w0rrz.org>

Current announcements are posted on the main page of the website.

Access to the Club Members Area requires you to be a *current* 2026 member of WCARC.

(Let Cathy KF00KV or Andrew AE0WZ know if you need log in credentials)

The Club Members Area includes several forums including a Buy/Sell/Trade Forum, AllStar linking procedures, current club roster, monthly meeting minutes and monthly meeting presentations.

Amateur Radio License Testing

Taking an exam to get or upgrade your Amateur Radio License could not be easier. Full details about testing are available on the Club Website at: <https://www.w0rrz.org/license-exams-in-grand-junction-co>

Please register at least a week in advance at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/WCARC> to verify the test date & time & to ensure we have adequate Volunteer Examiners available.

When you arrive for your test, please have your FRN (FCC Registration Number), photo ID, pen, \$15.00 **CASH**, & if upgrading, a copy of your current license.

Who We Are

Our organization was created to bring new and seasoned amateur radio operators together through our desire to serve. We bring our experience, knowledge and wisdom into a long-term hobby with the focus of expanding one's understanding of it, as well as providing a solid foundation for those who have an interest in getting their amateur radio license.

We remain focused in greeting newcomers to our great hobby by offering them a warm welcome into the amateur radio family and are steadfast in providing help when they need it.

Are you a City Market Customer? **Help Support WCARC**

The *City Market Community Rewards Program* is a great way to support the Club.



You can select us as your charity either by name or use our NPO Number: **SS693** on your app. Once you have enrolled and linked your loyalty card City Market contributes to WCARC every time you buy groceries.

Here is the link on the to enroll:
<https://www.citymarket.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Thank You for Supporting WCARC!
 Questions? Contact Cathy (KF00KV), secretary@w0rrz.org

Content Needed for the RF Carrier

Do you have information that you think would be valuable for other members to know? Are you a contester & would like to help list upcoming contests? Do you have something funny to add or saw a Ham related meme? Do you have photos of your radio equipment or an event? Please send it to secretary@w0rrz.org by the first Monday of the month and I will add it to the RF Carrier!



The Mission of the Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (WCARC), EIN 81-4225701, a 501(c)3 Colorado charitable organization, is to recruit, train and help committed Ham Radio operators carry on the tradition of amateur radio by using our network of technical resources and expertise. Promoting new technologies and expanding the use of these in all areas of communication. Providing equipment and skilled operators when called upon to assist local agencies in emergency and non-emergency events ensuring a reliable source of communication. WCARC is dedicated to community service and providing education to the general public about the history, operation and benefits of the Amateur Radio Service and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs.

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